(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the various sectors/items in which the FDI has been allowed; and

(d) the various steps taken to save the small traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 51%, with prior Government approval, only in the retail trade of 'Single Brand' products. The Guidelines notified, *vide* Press Note 3 (2006 Series), *inter-alia*, provide that:

(i) Products to be sold should be of 'Single Brand' only;

(ii) Products should be sold under the same brand internationally; and

(iii) 'Single Brand' product-retailing would cover only products which are branded during manufacturing.

FDI in retail trade of 'single brand' products is intended to meet the growing need of brand-conscious middle-class and serve a clientele different from the one served by the small traders. As they would not be competing with the existing stores, it is unlikely to adversely impact the small retailers.

Subsidy on fuel for fishing vessels

1631. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has a scheme to subsidise the prices of fuel oil used in fishing vessels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the extent of this subsidy in 2003-04 given by MPEDA;

(d) whether there is proposal to expand this scheme by MPEDA; and

(e) the steps proposed by MPEDA to expand and simplify this scheme to subsidise diesel and other fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) does not have any scheme to subsidise the prices of fuel oil used in fishing vessels in the country.

(b) to (e) In view of the above, questions do not arise.

India's share in World Farm Trade

1632. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double India's share in World Farm Trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of agro-exports of various products for the last three years, year-wise, item-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether there are any steps to index the export potential of different agricultural crops;

(d) if so, the details of such index prepared for various crops as on date; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken as a perspective of agricultural export promotion policy to achieve the above goal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) In the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st August, 2004, the Government spelt out a vision to double India's share in the world trade within five years. As a thrust has been given to export of agricultural products, the Government has announced a Vishesh